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HEALTH CARE PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to launch several programmes to improve the health infrastructure in the country in pursuance of findings of recent national family health survey;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which these programmes are likely to be launched; and

(d) the fresh steps taken/proposed to upgrade facilities for the urban poor by establishing more health care centers/posts in slum areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) To strengthen the Primary Health care infrastructure and service delivery in the country, the government, in the wake of the recent findings of National Family Health Survey and other major surveys being conducted under the RCH programme, have recently launched a number of new initiatives with a view to improving the quality and the range of such services in under served states and districts. Some of these recently launched schemes are (i) Reproductive and Child Health Camps in 102 backward districts of the country
(ii) A scheme for training and equipping Traditional Birth Attendants in 142 districts of the country and
(iii) a nation wide programme for strengthening routine immunization with special focus on eight states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Orissa and Gujarat.

The Prime Minister`s Gramodya Yojna is another new initiative to accelerate performance in providing basic minimum services at primary health care level. An allocation of Rs.375 crore has been made during this year as Additional Central Assistance for Primary Health Care.

(d) A World bank assisted India Population project VIII is presently under implementation in the urban slum areas of Kolkata, Bangalore, Delhi and Hyderabad and 94 additional cities and towns in the states of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka with the objective to provide integrated Health and Family Welfare services.
A pilot project on urban Reproductive and Child Health programme is also under implementation in Lucknow city with assistance from European Commission.